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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 13, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

1. (Amended) An optical fiber cable configuration, comprising:  
an outer protective sheath formed from a piece of wound composite tape;  
a plurality of stacks which are standard to be radially positioned within said outer protective sheath, wherein each of said plurality of stacks includes a plurality of buffer tubes, and wherein said piece of wound composite tape includes a combination of fibers of a mesh-type substrate with at least one different type of material.

